

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1656

By: Johnson (Constance) of the
Senate

and

Cox, Cannaday, McAffrey
and Wright of the House

An Act relating to health care; creating the Patient-Centered Medical Home Task Force within the Insurance Department; providing purpose of task force; specifying membership; specifying cochairs; providing for quorum; providing for travel reimbursement; specifying administrative support; specifying duties; requiring certain report; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, the Patient-Centered Medical Home Task Force within the Insurance Department. The purpose of the task force shall be to study the quality, safety, value and effectiveness of the patient-centered medical home concept.

B. The task force shall consist of sixteen (16) members:

1. Six members shall be appointed by the State Insurance Commissioner as follows:

- a. one member from the State Insurance Department,
- b. one member representing full-service hospitals within this state,
- c. one member representing nongovernmental health insurance providers within this state,
- d. one member from the Oklahoma Primary Care Association,
- e. one member from an organization representing children within this state, and
- f. one member from an organization representing the elderly within this state;

2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

- a. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- b. one member representing family physicians within this state,
- c. one member representing general pediatric specialists within this state, and
- d. one member representing physician assistants practicing in primary care within this state;

3. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate as follows:

- a. one member of the State Senate,
- b. one member representing general internal medicine specialists within this state,
- c. one member representing osteopathic physicians practicing a primary care specialty, such as family

medicine, general pediatrics, or general internal medicine, within this state, and

d. one member representing advanced practice nurses practicing in primary care within this state;

4. The State Commissioner of Health or a designee; and

5. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or a designee.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 15, 2008. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the appointed member from the State Senate shall determine which members shall serve as cochair of the task force. The cochair shall convene the first meeting of the task force by July 15, 2008. The members of the task force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any office.

D. The task force shall meet as often as necessary to conduct business. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at any meeting may act for the task force.

E. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their appointing agencies or by the State Insurance Department for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in the performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. Administrative support for the task force including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the task force shall be provided by the State Insurance Department to be supplemented, if necessary, by the state agencies involved in the task force, and the staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative support requested by the task force.

G. The task force shall:

1. Assess the value of the patient-centered medical home concept for this state;

2. Determine the process necessary to promote this concept within this state with regard to both government-supported and non-government-supported health insurance; and

3. In coordination with the State Insurance Department, identify funds available from the state and federal government along with private organizations that may be used as grants for a pilot program for innovative and effective strategies to promote the patient-centered medical home concept.

H. The task force shall publish a report of its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2009, including recommendations for any resulting legislation or actions.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2008.



Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 2008.



Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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